develpoment and modernisation of minining methods in iron ore mines; and

(d) if so, what are the details of iron mines selected for development in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Development and mormodernisation of mining methods of iron-ore mines are taken up on a continuing bssis. Inspections carried out by the officers of the Indian Bureau of Mines also ensure that the mining methods adopted are scientific and keep in view the norms of conservation of mineral resources. A note indicating the development and modernisation programmes in the captive iron ore mines of the Steel Authority of India Limited in Orissa is given in the enclosed statement. In addition to this, a feasibility study to enhance the production capacity of iron-ore mines belonging to the Orissa Mineral Department Company Limited in Keonjhar District of Orissa is also in progress.

Statement

Development of Captive Iron Ore Mines of SAIL in Orissa

Bolani Ore Mines : As part of the modernisation project of Durgapur Steel Plant complete wet washing and screening facilities envisaged to be set up at Bolani for upgrading its lump and fine ore:

Barsua Iron Ore Mines :

(1) Measures have been initiated to raise the tailing dam in 2 stages of 5 meters each.

(2) Tests are being continuously conducted at Barsua Mines for preferential washing of AL 203 in the iron ore fines.

(3) Tests on the usability on the sline cakes by upgradation through wet high intenstity magnetic separation methods are being done. This will decrease the slime losses.

Kalta Iron Ore Mines: A project has been taken up for mechanically screening the ore and recovering the fines, so that not only the cost if lump ore will come down but the fines with richer Fe content would also be effectively used at Rourkela Steel Plant

Losses due to Floods in States

1629. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have been effective by the recent floods ;

(b) if so, what are the name of those States and the extent of damage caused to human lives, crops and cattle wealth due to floods ; and

(c) the extent of assistance provided by the Central Government to those States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) : Statewise details of a extent of damages caused due to floods after the onset of monsoon 1986, as reported by the States, are indicated in the Annexture. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX Annexure No. 93]

(c) Memorendum seeking Central assistance for flood relief has been received only from Government of Punjab on 4-8-1986, and the same is under consideration.

Allotment of Government Quarters in Connaught Lane in New Delhi

1630. SHRI ROSHAN LAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether four Government quarters in Connaught Lane, New Delhi, have been alloted to a cooperative Society ;

(b) whether the said society is in wrongful occupation of those quarters ;

(c) whether the society has not paid rent for the same for several years ;

(d) whether the society has sublet various portions of the said building ; and

(e) whether Government are taking action to realise the rent or to evict the occupants ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Bunglaws No. 2-D 4-D, 6-D & 8-D, Connaught Lane were alloted to Hindustan Samachar Cooperative Ltd., New Delhi on 6-4-78 on temporary basis (on leave and licence basis) on payment of market rent.

(b) Since the bunglows were not vacated and also since the Society was defaulting payment of rent the licence revoked w.e.f. 25-4-83. The Bunglows are however, still in unauthorised occupation of the said society.

(c) A sum of Rs. 1,64,575 (Rupees one lakh sixty four thousand five hundred seventy five only) is due from the Hindustan Samachar Coop. Ltd. on account of rent/ damages upto 31-7-87.

(d) The Government is not aware of any such subletting.

(e) Legal Action is being taken under the public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1981 for realising the Govt. dues. Action under the said Act is also being initiated for securing vacation of the Bunglows from the unauthorised occupants.

Air Station at Kota

1631. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state by when an AIR station at Kota is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL) : The Station is expected to be ready for commission towards the end of September, 1986.

सिंचाई मंत्रियों की बैठक

1632. **श्री प्रमोद महाजन** : क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सिंचाई मंत्रियों की हाल ही की बैठक में पानी की दरें बढ़ाने का निर्णय किया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो नयी दरों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) केन्द्र सरकार की इस पर क्या प्रतिक्रिया है; और

(घ) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार इस निर्णय से किसानों पर पड़ने वाले विपरीत प्रभावों से उन्हें बचाने के लिए कुछ कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ; यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री बी० शंकरानन्द) : (क) से (घ) सिंचाई तथा जल संसाधन मंत्रियों के राष्ट्रीय सम्मेलन में यह सिफारिश की गई है कि जल प्रभार इस प्रकार नियत किए जाने चाहिएं कि उनसे प्रचालन तथा रख-रखाव की लागत निकल आए और यह भी कि बढ़ती हुई लागत को ध्यान में रखते हुए जल प्रभारों में क्रमिक वृद्धि किए जाने की आवश्यकता है । केन्द्र सरकार समय समय पर राज्य सरकार से यह आग्रह करती रही है कि मौजूदा जल प्रभारों की पुनरीक्षा की जाए ताकि प्रचालन एवं रख-